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said guide mechanism being movable on said frame to a second guide position causing said knife to move in a second direction opposite from said first direction when moving from said start position to said cut position.

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8. (Amended)

Apparatus according to claim 7 wherein said mechanism comprises at least one guide track attached to said frame, said mechanism having a track follower guided within said guide track for guided movement therein during movement of said linkage mechanism between said first and second guide positions.

13. (Amended)

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Apparatus for trimming or cutting a stack of sheet members comprising:
a support frame connected to said cutting table and extending upwardly therefrom;
linkage mechanism comprising a base link and first and second side links pivotally connected to said base link and extending downwardly therefrom;
an elongated knife holder having an elongated knife with a cutting edge mounted thereto, and being pivotally connected to said first and second side links, whereby said base link, said first and second side links, and said knife holder form a collapsible parallelogram;
an extensible cylinder connected to said frame and to said knife holder for moving said knife from a start position spaced from said table to a cut position proximate said table;
said base link being movably mounted to said support frame for movement from a first link position wherein said first and second links angle downwardly at an inclined first angle when said knife is in said start position to a second link position wherein said first and second links angle downwardly at an inclined second angle opposite from said first angle when said knife is in said start position.

Please cancel claims 14-20.